

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-232. (Canceled)

233. (Currently amended) An electronic commerce system comprising a mobile user terminal, a service providing system, and an examination terminal, wherein:

the mobile user terminal generates a request for electronic value card information to transmit the request to the service providing system;

the service providing system, in response to the request, generates the electronic value card information having secret key data, the secret key data differing for each type of the electronic value card information and to be used in a mutual authentication process executed between the mobile user terminal and the examination terminal, and issues the electronic value card information to the mobile user terminal; and

the mobile user terminal receives the electronic value card information issued by the service providing system to hold the electronic value card information, and, when the examination terminal examines a validity of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal, executes the mutual authentication process ~~with the examination terminal~~ using the secret key data wherein, in the mutual authentication process, the mobile user terminal authenticates the examination terminal and the examination terminal authenticates the mobile user terminal ~~when the examination terminal examines a validity of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal.~~

Claims 234-235. (Canceled)

236. (Currently amended) The electronic commerce system according to claim 233, wherein, when the mutual authentication process is succeeded, the mobile user terminal updates variable value data of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal in accordance with an instruction received from the examination terminal, and transmits to the examination terminal a message that certifies use of the electronic value card information.

237. (Currently amended) The electronic commerce system according to claim 233, wherein:

the service providing system, to the examination terminal, transmits information to be used in the examination of the validity of the electronic value card information and having secret key data, the secret key data differing for each type of the electronic value card information and to be used in the mutual authentication process;

the examination terminal receives the information transmitted by the service providing system to hold the information; and, when the examination terminal examines the validity of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal, executes the mutual authentication process ~~with the mobile user terminal~~ using the secret key data wherein, in the mutual authentication process, the mobile user terminal authenticates the examination terminal and the examination terminal authenticates the mobile user terminal ~~when the examination terminal examines the validity of the electronic value card information held by the mobile user terminal.~~

244. (Currently amended) A service providing system used in an electronic commerce system comprising a mobile user terminal, the service providing system and an examination terminal, the service providing system comprising:

a generating section that, in response to a request for electronic value card information transmitted from the mobile user terminal, generates the electronic value card information having

secret key data differing for each type of the electronic value card information and to be used in a mutual authentication process executed between the mobile user terminal and the examination terminal wherein, in the mutual authentication process, the mobile user terminal authenticates the examination terminal and the examination terminal authenticates the mobile user terminal; and

an issue section that issues the electronic value card information to the mobile user terminal.

245. (Previously presented) The service providing system according to claim 244, further comprising a transmitting section that, to the examination terminal, transmits information to be used in an examination of a validity of the electronic value card information and having secret key data, the secret key data differing for each type of the electronic value card information and to be used in the mutual authentication process.